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**Quinalbarbitone** (c) Barbiturate hypnotic usually prescribed in combined preparation with **Amylobarbitone**. No major differences from **Amylobarbitone**.

**Quinestradiol** Sex hormone (**Oestrogen**) similar to **Oestradiol**. Claimed to have greater effect on the vagina than on the uterus or breast. Used for postmenopausal vaginitis.

**Quinestrol** Sex hormone (**Oestrogen**) similar to **Oestradiol**. Used for suppression of lactation and menopausal disorders.

**Quinidine** Antidysrhythmic agent, with local anaesthetic activity. Depresses myocardial contractility and impulse conduction. Reduces cardiac output. Used to prevent recurrent dysrhythmias or to convert established dysrhythmias back to normal sinus rhythm. Dose-dependent effects include vertigo, tinnitus, deafness, blurred vision, confusion, gastrointestinal symptoms, cardiac arrhythmias, and cardiac arrest. Rashes and bruising are dose-independent. Contraindicated when dysrhythmia is due to **Digoxin** or when there is heart block.

**Quinine** Antimalarial agent. Used to reduce skeletal muscle spasms. Adverse effects include vomiting, psychosis, visual and auditory disturbances, haemolytic anaemia, and thrombocytopenia. Toxic doses may cause abortion.